

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received **ONLY** in the office of the Purchasing Division at the Lafayette Consolidated Government Building, located at 705 W. University, Lafayette, Louisiana, until 2:00 p.m. Central Daylight Savings Time on the 3rd day of October, 2006, for the following:

### **Eraste Landry Road Extension (LA 93 to Ambassador Caffery Parkway)**

and will, shortly thereafter, be opened and read aloud in the Council Conference Room located at 705 West University Avenue, Lafayette, LA. Bids received after the above specified time for opening shall not be considered and shall be returned unopened to the sender.

The work shall consist of, but is not limited to, construction of approximately 0.85 miles of Portland cement concrete roadway. The pavement shall consist of an 8" Portland cement concrete pavement on an aggregate base. Additionally, the project includes the construction of subsurface drainage facilities, concrete walks, street lighting and a concrete box culvert. Widening and reconstruction of an intersecting Portland cement concrete arterial street is also included.

Copies of specifications are available at the office of Pensco, 411 Wall Street, Lafayette, LA 70506, Telephone 233-9914, upon payment of One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$120.00) per set, non refundable, payable to Lafayette Consolidated Government. **NOTE: NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED – ONLY CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS MADE PAYABLE TO LAFAYETTE CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT.** Plans and specifications shall be available until twenty-four hours before the bid opening date.

**All contractors are requested to attend Pre-Bid Conference, which will be held at 10:00 am on September 21, 2006 at the Public Works Building, 1515 East University Avenue in the Large Conference Room.**

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond payable to the Lafayette Consolidated Government, the amount of which shall be five percent (5%) of the base bid plus additive alternates. If a bid bond is used, it shall be written by a surety or insurance company currently on the U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service list of approved bonding companies which is published annually in the Federal Register, or by a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A-Rating in the latest printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide to write individual bonds up to ten percent of policyholders' surplus as shown in the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide, or by an insurance company in good standing licensed to write bid bonds which is either domiciled in Louisiana or owned by Louisiana residents. The bid bond shall be issued by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana. The certified check, cashier's check or bid bond shall be given as a guarantee that the bidder shall execute the contract, should it be awarded to him, in conformity with the contract documents within ten (10) days.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for at least forty-five (45) days after the time scheduled for the opening of bids. Each bid shall be submitted only on the quotation form provided with the specifications. The successful contractor will be required to execute performance and labor and material payment bonds in the full amount of the contract as more fully defined in the bid documents.

Bids will be evaluated by the Purchaser based on the lowest responsible bid submitted which is also in compliance with the specifications. The Lafayette Consolidated Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids or any portions thereof, to waive informalities and to select the material that best suits its needs.

Contractors or contracting firms doing work which is classed as "Hazardous Materials" or any subclassifications shall be properly licensed when the work to be performed is \$1.00 or more. Contractors or contracting firms submitting bids for work besides Hazardous Materials, shall be properly licensed for any work in the amount of \$50,000 or more. All such bidders shall certify that they are licensed contractors under Chapter 24 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and show their license number on the front of the sealed envelope in which their bid is enclosed. **Contractors for this project shall be licensed for the classification of "HIGHWAY, STREET, AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION".** Bids in the amount specified above which have not bid in accordance with the requirements, shall be rejected and shall not be read. Additional information relative to licensing may be obtained from the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The Lafayette Consolidated Government strongly encourages the participation of DBEs (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) in all contract or procurements let by the Lafayette Consolidated Government for goods and services and labor and material. To that end, all contractors and suppliers are encouraged to utilize DBEs business enterprises in the purchase or sub-contracting of materials, supplies, services and labor and material in which disadvantaged business are available. Assistance in identifying said businesses may be obtained by calling 291-8410.

s/Connie Broussard  
Lafayette Consolidated Government